

East & Co. Secs

AT A
CONVENTION

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

HELD AT NEW-HAVEN,

Oct. 16 and 17. 1811

The following Gentlemen were chosen offices for the ensuing year, viz.

JOHN R. WATROUS, M. D. *President.*
MASON F. COGSWELL, M. D. *Vice-President.*
ELI IVES, M. D. *Secretary.*
Dr. TIMOTHY HALL, *Treasurer.*

The following Gentlemen were returned as Fellows of the
Medical Society, viz.

Hartford County.

Drs. Mason F. Cogswell, Vice-President,	Hartford.
Timothy Hall, Treasurer,	East-Hartford.
John Bester,	Simsbury.
*Jonathan H. Sparhawk,	Hartford.
*Simeon Field,	Enfield.

New-Haven County.

Drs. Abraham Tomlinson,	Milford.
John Barker,	New-Haven.
Joseph Foot,	North-Haven.
Eli Ives Secretary,	New-Haven.
Obadiah Hotchkiss,	New-Haven.

New-London County.

Drs. Avery Downer,	Preston.
*John O. Miner,	Groton.
*Thomas Coit,	New-London.
Samuel H. P. Lee,	New-London.
Thomas Miner,	Lyme.

Fairfield County.

*Drs. William Shelton,	Huntington.
Benjamin Curtiss, jr.	New-Town.
Gideon Beardsley,	Huntington.
D. Comstock,	Danbury.
*Bennet Perry.	New-Town.

This * mark denotes absence.

Windham County.

Drs. Thomas Hubbard,	Pomfret.
*Joseph Palmer, jr.	Ashford.
*Darius Hutchins,	Pomfret.
*Siah Fuller,	Plainfield.
*Andrew Harris,	Canterbury.

Litchfield County.

Drs. Nathaniel Perry,	Woodbury.
Jesse Carrington,	Colebrook.
Timothy Clark,	Harwinton.
Elijah Lyman,	Torrington.
Samuel Buel,	Litchfield.

Middlesex County.

*Drs. Richard Ely,	Saybrook.
Smith Clark,	Haddam.
*Christopher Holmes,	East-Haddam.

Tolland County.

Drs. Nathan Howard,	Coventry.
John S Peters,	Hebron.
Daniel Peck,	Stafford.

The report of the Treasurer was then made, accepted and approved.

The following gentlemen were appointed Examining Committees in their respective counties, viz.

Drs. John Bester,	} <i>Hartford County.</i>
Elijah F. Reed,	
J. H. Sparhawk,	

Drs. Joseph Foot,	} <i>New-Haven County.</i>
Eli Ives,	
Anson Foot,	

Drs. John O. Miner,	} <i>New-London County.</i>
Thomas Coit,	
Samuel H. P. Lee,	

Drs. Gideon Shepard,	} <i>Fairfield County.</i>
Gideon Beardsley,	
Noah A. Lacy,	

Drs. Darius Hutchins,	} <i>Windham County.</i>
Joseph Palmer, jr.	
Andrew Harris,	

Drs. Nathaniel Perry,	} <i>Litchfield County.</i>
Warren R. Fowler,	
Jesse Carrington,	

Drs. Richard Ely,
Austin Olcott, } *Middlesex County.*
Samuel Carter,

Drs. Eleazer M'Cray, Bolton,
Scotaway Hinkley, Vernon, } *Tolland*
Johh Howard, Coventry, } *County.*

The Clerks of the several Counties are

Drs. J. H. Sparhawk, Hartford, Hartford County.
Elias Shipman, New-Haven, New-Haven County.
Samuel H. P. Lee, New-London, New-London County.
Gideon Beardsley, Huntington, Fairfield County.
Darius Hutchins, Pomfret, Windham County.
Samuel Buel, Litchfield, Litchfield County.
Samuel Carter, Saybrook, Middlesex County.
John S. Peters, Hebron, Tolland County.

Committee of Nomination.

Drs. John R. Watrous,
Mason F. Cogswell,
Joseph Foot,
Obadiah Hotchkiss.

Voted, That the articles of union of the Medical Society and Yale College be printed and compose a part of the journal of the Convention.

Voted, That Drs. Lee, Curtis and Peters be a Committee to make out the Debenture bill.

Voted, That a tax of one dollar be laid on each member of the Medical Society, collectable by the first day of January next.

Voted, That each Fellow of the Medical Society, shall be allowed and paid \$ 1 34 per day for attendance in Convention and 12 1-2 cents a mile for travel to convention, any by-law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Committee of Publication.

Voted, That Drs. Mason F. Cogswell, John Bester, Timothy Hall and J. H. Sparhawk be a Committee to receive and select communications for publication.

Voted, That Drs. Barker, Gideon Shepard, Samuel Buel, Samuel H. P. Lee, Thomas Hubbard, Richard Ely and John S. Peters be a Committee to collect materials for publication in their several counties and forward the same to the Committee of publication.

Voted, That the above named Committee be desired to request one Printer in their respective Counties to publish from the New-Haven paper the outlines of the doings of this Convention.

Voted, That in future no candidate for an examination for a licence to practice Physic or Surgery shall be examined in any County in this State, unless he shall have read, at least one year within the County where such examination is had.

Drs. A. Tomlinson, T. Hubbard and M. F. Cogswell were appointed a Committee to recommend candidates for the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

The Committee reported Eli Ives for a degree.

Voted, That the Secretary cause an impression made of the Blanks for honorary degrees.

Voted, That this Convention be adjourned to this place on the Wednesday following the second Thursday in October next, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Attest, ELI IVES, *Secretary*.

AN ACT

In addition to and alteration of an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Medical Society."

§ 1. **B**E it enacted, by the Governor and Council, and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, That the President and Fellows of the Medical Society be empowered, to unite with the President and Fellows of Yale College, for the purpose of forming a Medical Seminary, to be styled *The Medical Institution of Yale College*; agreeably to the following articles, agreed upon by and between the committee of the corporation of Yale College, and the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut; as follows, viz.

ART. 1. That there shall be a Medical Institution established in Yale College, to be known and acknowledged by the name of *The Medical Institution of Yale College*.

2. That said institution, to include a complete circle of medical science, consist of four Professors. First, of Chemistry, and Pharmacy: Second, of the theory and practice of Medicine: Third, of Anatomy, Surgery, and Midwifery: Fourth, of Materia Medica, and Botany. And that there shall be a joint committee of an equal number of persons, appointed by the convention of the Medical Society and Corporation of Yale College, who shall make a nomination; from which nomination, the aforesaid Professors shall be chosen by the Corporation.

3. That a Cabinet of anatomical preparations, including all things usually found in collections of this nature, be provided as speedily as the college funds will allow.

4. That there be a collection of Specimens in the *Materia Medica*: And that a botanical garden be established as soon as the funds of the college can afford such establishment.

5. That every medical student be required to attend to the study of physic, or surgery, with some medical or surgical professor, or practitioner, who is in respectable standing for two years; provided he shall have been graduated at some college; otherwise to study three years; and to have arrived to the age of twenty-one years. And that every medical student, who shall commence the study of physic, or surgery, after the foregoing articles shall be complied with, and lectures commenced, upon the several branches above mentioned, shall attend one course of each of the above systems of lectures, under the professors of the Medical institution of Yale College, or of some other public medical institution, previous to his being admitted to an examination for a licence: And that the course of lectures he is required to attend, may be included within the term he is required to study. Provided nevertheless, that upon the recommendation of the county medical societies respectively, one meritorious and necessitous person from each county, shall annually be allowed the privilege of attending one course of each of the above systems of lectures, gratis:—And if any one of the counties should fail to recommend as above, the Medical Convention of the State may fill the vacancy. It shall be the duty of the Medical Societies of the counties, to report to the Medical Convention of the State the names of the persons whom they shall agree to recommend: and the president of said Convention shall transmit the said names together with such as the Medical Convention may add, agreeably to the above provision, to the medical professors of Yale College.

6. That the price of the ticket for the whole of the above courses of lectures, shall be fifty dollars.

7. That the committee of examination for the practice of physic or surgery shall consist of the professors of the Medical institution of the college, and an equal number of the members of the Medical Society, appointed by the Medical Convention; and the president of the Medical Convention shall be ex-officio, president of the examining committee, with a vote at all times, and a casting vote, when there is a tie; and in case of the absence of the president, a president pro tempore shall be appointed by the members of the examining committee, appointed by the Medical society, with the same powers: which committee, or a majority of the same shall possess the powers, and they only, of examining for a licence; and that all licences to practice physic or surgery, shall be signed by the president of the Medical Society,

and countersigned by the committee, or a majority of the same; and the emoluments arising from the licences, shall be as heretofore, and shall accrue to the Medical Society.

8. That each candidate for the degree of doctor of medicine, shall be required to attend two courses of the above systems of lectures, at the Medical institution in Yale College, or at some other public medical institution, where a similar course of public instruction is pursued; which degree, upon the recommendation of the committee of examination, shall be conferred by the president of the college, and the diploma signed by him, and countersigned by the committee or a majority of the same: And that each person examined for the degree of doctor of medicine, shall pay four dollars to the president of the college, three dollars to each of the examiners present, and ten dollars to the treasury of the Medical Society.

9. It shall be considered as within the meaning and intention of this association that honorary degrees may be conferred by the president of the college, upon those persons, whom the Medical Convention shall recommend as deserving so distinguished a mark of respect.

10. For the accommodation both of the students and of the committee, there shall be but one examination in a year; which shall be immediately at the close of the courses of lectures. When a candidate is prevented by sickness, he may be examined by the medical professors at college. And such examination, together with their certificate thereof, shall entitle him to the same privilege, as though his examination had been by said committee.

11. It is likewise the understanding of the corporation of said college, and the Fellows of the Medical Society, that all medical students, who shall have attended two courses of the lectures in the Medical Institution in Yale College, shall have the privilege of attending all future courses, gratis.

12. All persons licenced in future to practice physic or surgery, agreeably to the foregoing provisions, shall be of course members of the Medical Society in the respective counties where they reside.

§ 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the appointment of examining committees, the granting of licences, and the conferring of degrees, shall in future be regulated, agreeably to the articles of union agreed upon between the president and fellows of Yale College on the one part, and the president and fellows of the Medical Society on the other part: any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

§ 3. *Be it further enacted*, That so much of the Act entitled an Act to incorporate a Medical Society, as respects the appointing of county committees for the examination of

medical students, and the granting of licences to them, and that so much of the act as respects the granting of honorary degrees, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Provided nevertheless, that the repealing clauses in the third paragraph in this act shall not be in force until the articles of union in this act, shall be adopted and in operation.

General Assembly, October Session, 1810.

LYMAN LAW, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

JOHN TREADWELL, *Governour.*

Attest. THOMAS DAY, *Secretary.*

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